

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE PLAINS.

STATE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE VISITS THIS SECTION AND REPORTS.

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The Texas Panhandle section is in the midst of great development. Wonderful transformation has taken place there within the past few years. Towns and villages have sprung up like magic, beautiful and commodious farm homes are crowning every hillside and dotting every valley. An industrious and thrifty population is pouring into that section in an unbroken stream, and the center of the State's population is fast moving westward.

The citizens of that section feel that they have been overlooked, and when they invited Agricultural Commissioner Kone to pay that section a visit they did so with little faith in his doing so. But Judge Kone, desiring to render service to every section of the state, accepted the invitation and prepared at once to make the trip. He took with him two of the best known men of the state, Col. D. H. L. Bonner of Arp, and Tom Frazier of Bosque. This trip was made with a view of organizing Farmer's Institutes in every county visited and to arouse interest in improved methods of agriculture, stockraising, dairying, fruit growing, etc., etc.

Institutes were held at the following places: Big Springs, Howard County; Lamesa, Dawson County; Tahoka, Lynn County; Lubbock, Lubbock County; Crosbyton, Crosby County; Plainview, Hale County; Tulia, Swisher County; Canyon City, Randall County; Amarillo, Potter County; Quanah, Hardeman County; Wichita Falls, Wichita County.

Judge Kone returned to his office in Austin enthusiastic over the country through which he and his companions passed. In discussing the results of this trip and incidentally the country in general he said:

"Our trip was one continual round of pleasure. Mr. Tom Frazier of Morgan, and Col. D. H. L. Bonner of Smith county met me at Big Springs where we held our first institute. We held a splendid institute here. The farmers of the surrounding country were in attendance and took an active part in the meeting. Big Springs is a live wire, with push and energy stamped on every seam. From this place we went Lamesa, the county seat of Dawson county, forty miles from Big Springs. The trip was made by automobile over a beautiful and fertile country, but very sparsely settled compared to the older sections of the State. For the most part the land is level, but covered with a carpet of nutritious grasses. Lamesa is a beautiful little village as new and clean as a pin, and the citizens very public spirit and progressive. We organized a large institute here with W. R. Stone as President and Charles Hauser, Secretary.

"Our next stop was at Tohoka, the county seat of Lynn county. Our trip to Tohoka was also made in an automobile, but was a most delightful one. Our route from Lamesa to Tohoka carried us over a wide expanse of gentle rolling prairie with only here and there a low depression or ravine to break the monotony of the view. Vegetation had just begun to spring into being and the luxuriant carpet of grass was restful to the eyes as we sped along at a rapid rate of speed. We held an institute here with a good membership of farmers and business men. We remain-

ed over night here and the next morning we proceeded to Lubbock. Here we were met by a magnificent audience of farmers, stock raisers and business men. We were entertained here, as at other places on the trip, with great pomp. Col. Bonner and Mr. Frazier were in their best mood and their addresses were delivered with characteristic energy, and a splendid institute was organized. Lubbock is a progressive town with a population of some 2500 people, all vying with each other in a desire to push and build up the country as well as the town. A beautiful and fertile country surrounds Lubbock guaranteeing a prosperous city. At five that evening we left Lubbock in an automobile for Crosbyton in Crosby county, arriving there at 9 p. m. We went at once to the hall where arrangements were waiting our arrival. A large audience greeted us. The institute was organized and the meeting lasted till 12 o'clock when a banquet was tendered us. This banquet was a great success.

"In the afternoon of the next day we made our way to Plainview, the county seat of Hale County. Here we organized a splendid institute composed of the most progressive and public spirited citizens of the county. Plainview is an up to date county seat with 5000 people. It is here that Prof. H. W. Campbell has established one of his experiment stations where he is conducting his dry farming experiments. The experiments are demonstrating the possibilities of growing profitable crops with little or no rain. Mr. Campbell's methods of culture of crops were intensely interesting to me and solves a problem which has long puzzled the old inhabitants. Here we took the train for Tulia, the county seat of Swisher county. Our train arrives there at 7:30. We were met by a committee of citizens and escorted to a banquet spread in old fashioned style. The banquet over, we repaired to the public school building and conducted a Farmers' institute. The whole population attended and so interesting was the program that we did not close until 3 a. m., when we took the early morning train for Canyon City, county seat of Randall county. Here we also organized a Farmers' Institute with a large membership. Canyon City is a town of about 2,000 people, situated near the center of the county on an elevated plateau with a gentle incline to Tule creek, a beautiful little inland stream.

"The country tributary to Canyon City is adapted to the growing of alfalfa, wheat, oats, rye, corn, sorghum, potatoes and vegetables of all kind. Apples, peaches, pears, grapes and berry fruits all do well, giving assurance of prosperity and happiness to the inhabitants of the county.

"Our next stop was Amarillo, the county seat of Potter county. We also organized a good institute at this place. Amarillo is the largest city in this territory over which we traversed. It is a substantially built city of about 12,000 population. It is surrounded by a territory of great fertility. The health of the country is unsurpassed. The elevation of 3,600 feet above sea level would indicate that there is no malaria whatever. Profitable crops of wheat, oats, rye, corn, sorghum, milo maize, kafir corn, vegetables, melons, fruits and berries are grown throughout the territory tributary to Amarillo. The growing of sugar beets has engaged the energies of the progressive farmers and a factory to manufacture sugar is now being erected. From Amarillo we went to Quanah, the county seat of Hardeman county where the progressive citizens had arranged for the organization of a Farmers' Institute. The attendance upon the meeting was large and enthusiastic.

Hardeman county is one of the most progressive counties in the tier of counties bordering the Red River and Oklahoma. All the staple grains are grown as well as cotton, fruits and vegetables.

From Quanah we dropped down to Wichita Falls, the last point on our itinerary, but one of the most progressive towns of that section of our State, and county seat of Wichita county. Here we organized another farmers' institute with 85 members.

"This trip was a revelation to me. While I was born and raised in this State I had no idea that so beautifully a section of our State lie comparatively unknown and undeveloped. I fully believe that the territory I passed over, if developed, could raise enough bread to supply the world. To say that it is great is only mildly expressing my opinion of the country from Big Springs to Wichita Falls. As a stock farm it cannot be surpassed in the United States. Hogs, sheep, goats, cattle and poultry of every character flourish here as well as in any portion of the State.

"I saw thousands of acres of land suited to fruits and vegetables; the apple, apricot and the cherry grow here as naturally as they do in California. Grapes of the best types yield profitable returns, throughout the plains country. All the berry fruits are grown with marked success. I saw splendid fields of raspberries, blackberries, gooseberries and strawberries growing side by side. That country is a paradise indeed and the best part is that it is being settled by a progressive, thrifty and intelligent people from every section of our country."

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Program of Meeting to be Held This Month with Happy Baptist Church.

As announced through the columns of this paper last week, the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Baptist churches of the Terre Blanca Association is to be held with the Happy Missionary Baptist church at Happy beginning on Thursday, May 27th, and extending through the Sunday following.

The committee on program and arrangements have issued their program and we give it in full as follows:

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1909

AFTERNOON.

3:30—Devotional services, by pastor; 4:00—Best methods for preparing for revival meetings, open discussion.

NIGHT SESSION

8:30—Devotional exercises, P. W. Mitchell; 9:00—What we mean by regeneration, J. M. Harder.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 28

10:00—Devotional exercises, T. P. Speakman; 10:30—Should each individual member seek personally to be a winner of souls, W. I. Todd; 10:45—Some essential preparation for soul winning, J. W. McMinn; 11:00—Sermon, John 15-4, T. P. Speakman.

AFTERNOON

2:30—Devotional exercises, J. D. Cook; 3:00—Personal experiences in soul winning, open conference.

NIGHT SESSION

8:30—Devotional exercises, Rev. Johnson of Canyon; 9:00—The necessity for faith, Matt. 13-58, O. W. Dean.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 29

10:00—Devotional exercises, U. J. Fox; 10:30—What constitutes a witness for Christ, W. H. Younger; 11:00—Sermon, "Ye shall be witnesses," Rev. Johnson of Hereford.

AFTERNOON

2:30—Devotional exercises, W. B. Park; 3:00—Our mission fields open conference.

NIGHT SESSION

8:30—Devotional exercises, S. H. Shipman; 9:00—Sermon, 1 John 5:7-8, C. R. Lee.

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 30

10:00—Sunday School; 11:00—Ordination service, sermon, J. M. Harder.

AFTERNOON

2:30—Devotional exercises; B. T. Johnson; 3:00—Ordination services, continued.

NIGHT SESSION

8:30—Sermon.

All are cordially invited to attend. The church is near the depot and if it is expedient, dinner will be served on the ground each day. Entertainment free.

Christian Church.

Rev. J. D. White of Canyon City has been called as pastor of the Christian church at this place. He will preach at both hours Sunday. Everyone is very cordially invited to attend these services.—Clarendon Times.

Texas has more railway mileage and is building railroads faster than any other state in the Union. The railroad magnates know where the fields of wealth lie and what this country has in store for the people who get in on the ground floor.—Sherman Democrat.

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